

Trish Damkroger selected CAR Deputy Department Head

I am pleased to announce the selection of Trish Damkroger as the Deputy Department Head for the Computing Applications and Research (CAR) Department within the Computation Directorate. This appointment is effective July 1, 2006.

Trish will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the CAR department, which has more than 500 employees. She will oversee CAR's workforce management activities, including hiring plans, implementation of IPPP, management of CAR's technician population, and employee training. She will work closely with the CAR Department Head and Division Leaders to set strategic direction, to define and oversee various projects, and to ensure that the department meets the needs of its programmatic and institutional customers.

Trish brings a wealth of management experience and demonstrated leadership qualities to this position. Most recently, Trish served as the Director of the Center for Applications Development and Software Engineering within CAR. CADSE is home to much of the Directorate's software engineering expertise and partners with Computation, Security, Environmental Protection and other institutional teams. Trish also served as LLNL's first Software Quality Assurance Manager from Nov. 2003 – Aug. 2005. She was instrumental in developing the first institutional software quality assurance implementation plan and works across the DOE complex as chair of the Software Quality Assurance Subcommittee. Before joining the Laboratory in 2002, she was Peregrine System's Area Vice President for Information Technology. In this role, she led a large multi-disciplinary team that created next-generation service management software. Trish previously was the Deputy Director for the Advanced and Exploratory Program at Sandia National Laboratories, where she was responsible for managing next-generation technologies for the nuclear weapons program.

I thank Ron Schmucker for his outstanding service as CAR's Deputy Department Head, and I look forward to working with him as the Computation Directorate's new Principal Deputy Associate Director.

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